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A CHRISTMAS TRUCE.

The Story of an American Boy in Paris.

BY ZOE ANDERSON NORRIS.

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FOR some inexplicable reason they pass over Christmas day in France and celebrate the New Year instead. There is no cheer on Christmas day, no holly and no plum pudding. There was no use in hanging up a stocking the night before because there was nobody to fill it. Besides, unhappily, my stocking hanging time is over.

We had expected something like it—Daddy, the boy from Milwaukee, and I. We had been prepared by the Swede with the long yellow mustache who sat at the foot of the table. "It will be just like any other day," he had said, and it had been, only worse.

In the first place, it rained; in the second place, it not only rained, but it poured, and, in the third place, Daddy and I had quarreled.

If you want fully to appreciate an American boy like Daddy, you must first live in England or France. Then he bursts upon you with the radiance of a noon-day sun. Daddy could hardly say that I failed to appreciate him. He never cracked a joke that I didn't laugh until the tears came. If he told a story, he considered me practically being the only American at the table and consequently the only individual in possession of a sense of humor sufficient for the understanding of it—his sole audience. Thus between much telling of "stories" and more laughing at them our friendship appeared to be cemented, to be planted squarely upon a sure and firm foundation, but it is about just such things as that that you can never tell.

It was over next to nothing that we quarreled, the simplest thing in the world. It was this: The first time I saw him he came into the dining room with his head shaved close. "I went into a barber shop," he told us, "and look what the man did to me! I knew enough French to start him, and then I didn't know enough to get him to stop."

That struck me as hilariously funny. Even the foreigners laughed when it was

"You ought to have known," he stormed, "since you write. You writers, you have no respect for the private affairs of people, so you make money out of them, you publish anything. Nothing is private to you. Nothing is sacred."

"Daddy," I remonstrated, "that was no private affair. You said it right there at the table with a dozen listening. Didn't you?"

"I did," he acknowledged defiantly, "but do you suppose I thought once of you?" The accent on that "you" came near bringing the tears.

"I forgot you were a penny-a-liner; that you were sitting there taking the thing down, congratulating yourself that you were to get so much a word for it."

"A penny-a-liner!" "So much a word!" A penny-a-liner doesn't get so much a word even.

"Daddy," I said presently, quite calmly, too, considering everything, "I didn't get a cent for that anecdote, not a red cent. It was a private letter but intended for publication. Won't you believe that?"

"You can't believe anything these people who write say," he declared. "They mix their imagination up so with facts that they get so they can't tell the truth. You know it. And how can you write what you have done. You have made me notori-

ous myself that it was Christmas day, and occupied myself brisily with my toilet to keep from thinking what a royal good time they were all having at home. I then gave a few francs to Florence of the velvet foot and to Aime, the cook, after which I went out into the rain to the Gare St. Lazare, where I bought a great bunch of French roses for my mother, presented them to her, received her thanks and compliments, profusely expressed in English so fractured as to be scarcely recognizable, and, retreating to my room, worked all day long at that penny-a-liner business for which I was so looked down upon by the boy from Milwaukee, trying to pretend that it was only an ordinary every day and not Christmas at all.

From my window I could see the rain descending dimly into the court, the palms huddled in one corner and the big drenched bronze girl, whose uplifted arms, holding up the lamp, gave me at times a feeling of such intense weariness.

One bright spot alone gleamed through the window of the concierge's room, which was opposite mine, two stories below. It was his fire over which he bent, reading all the letters before he sent them up to the rooms.

The day passed somehow, and it was evening. The boy had not come to dinner. I sat waiting for him in my room. I waited a long time. I had his cigarette case in my hand ready, for after a Christmas day of such loneliness I was determined, if possible, to make friends with him again. I was afraid of going to sleep and dreaming the day all over again otherwise.

At last I heard his latchkey in the door and his footstep in the hall. I waited until he should have had time to light his candle; then, softly opening my door, I went out and halted, looking at him.

He was standing by the heavy mahogany table upon which flickered his candle. I haven't much pride when it comes to a question of happiness or unhappiness. In a lowly manner I approached him. He started at seeing me, but glanced up with-

out a smile. His face in the light of the candle hurt my heart.

"Won't you forgive me, Daddy?" I implored. "I will never do it again—never! I promise you."

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PRINCE GINJAN.

A Christmas Fairy Story For the Children.

BY JANE ELLIS JOY.

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THE eldest of the royal children, Prince Ginjan, was a very important young person. His parents lavished on him all the good things that love could suggest, and money poured while the nobles of the kingdom and the great ladies added gifts until it required several rooms of the palace and a village of outbuildings to hold the prince's possessions.

In spite of all this devotion, however, and with the knowledge that a kingdom full of people were eager to do him homage, Prince Ginjan was very lonely.

He longed for a companion, and he wished for a four legged horse. Instead of two, and likewise that his three dappled horses should be multiplied by two.

The same thoughts came to him when he studied the line of three and the four.

When it came to the study of the eight and the nine, the trouble grew worse, for now he wanted all his treasures multiplied by eight and nine.

His father, the king, reasoned with him about the extravagance of his wants, and the queen, his royal mother, was sorry that it was impossible to indulge him, but it remained for his grandmother, a partial old lady that she was to say, "It is all the fault of the multiplication table!"

Ah, that multiplication table! It has occasioned a good deal of trouble to many people, though perhaps never before or since has it been charged with an offense so serious.

One day when Prince Ginjan was a well grown youth a strange thing happened to him. According to the ancient tradition, the prince was industriously applying the principles of multiplication in computing the number of presents he hoped to receive on Christmas, which was close at hand. For some cause or other interest in the fascinating tables flagged a little.

Perhaps the prince saw how preposterous it would be for one boy to have 8 times 9 saddle horses or 12 times 12 sailboats. Anyhow he fell asleep in his study chair with his book open before him.

He might have slept for an hour or two when he was awakened by a touch on the shoulder, and, opening his eyes, he saw an old looking little hunchback the like of whom he had never beheld before.

"What do you want?" he asked, not altogether liking the familiarity.

"What do you want yourself?" returned the intruder in a funny little squeaking voice.

Fully awake, Prince Ginjan now rubbed his eyes and stared. All at once it occurred to him that the little hunchback was an elf and that the present might be a good chance to gratify some of his desires.

"What do I want?" he repeated in a more conciliatory tone. "Well, since you are good enough to ask, I want considerable. To begin, I would like 10 marionettes and 24 thoughtless horses. Give me 6 lakes of my own in which to catch fish and about 150 new suits of clothes. You might let me have a couple of thousand new books, and a few hundred of the latest toys and games and 50 gold chains to wear around my neck."

Instantly the request was granted.

"Anything more?" inquired the elf in a matter of fact way.

"Oh, yes," said the prince quickly. "I want some spending money. Just let me have a couple of million dollars, please." (The amount is expressed in dollars for the enlightenment of American readers.)

"Is that enough?" asked the elf.

"Well, now that I think about it, perhaps I had better have a little more," corrected the prince. "Suppose you multiply the sum by two. You know the multiplication table?"

"Quite well," said the elf, calling out the sum. "Four million dollars."

"It might be a good idea to multiply again—this time by three," suggested Prince Ginjan. "I'll soon be a young man, and I don't want to run short."

"That would be inconvenient," agreed the elf. "Twelve million dollars. Are you sure you won't need any more?"

"Twelve billions would be better," smiled the prince.

"Twelve billions it shall be," said the elf. "What do you say to making it a trillion?"

"All right; a trillion!" "Wait! Hold on!" but in the prince's breathless cry, "Since it seems all the same to you, just multiply by 1,000! Money is a good thing to have. Call it a round quadrillion at once, and I'll never ask you for another dollar."

"Very well," said the elf. "You will want storehouses for your money."

"Yes, of course," said the prince, "and that reminds me that I want a lot of other things. I would like two summer palaces all to myself and two winter palaces. I want two or three big department stores and several miles—square miles—of forest in which to hunt. Let me have 10 parks ornamented with flowers and 14 castles."

The elf nodded. "Well, anything more?" he asked.

"Yes," said the prince, reflecting. "I would like to own 5 big ships and 15 little yachts. By the way, these lakes you gave me will do only for small crafts. I must have a couple of oceans to sail my ships on, and you might throw in a

couple of rivers. Mind, I want these things all to myself."

A pretty good order," said the elf. "But you shall have everything that you have asked for, oceans and all."

Now, since the objects enumerated by Prince Ginjan required space, territory, it will be obvious that when the goods were delivered, in a speak, the prince awoke to the fact that he was all alone in a world of his own.

Everything in the prince's world was arranged most conveniently. His castles were palaces, all beautifully furnished, were stocked with imperishable provisions. He had but to ring a little silver bell, and the table would be set for him with a sumptuous feast; another bell, and the meal was cleared away. His horses groomed themselves. His ships were manned by an easy apparatus that would like a clock. He needed no crew, no servants, no anything, being undisputed master of the whole world—a sovereign, in fact, with no one to disagree with him or say nay to any of his propositions.

For while Prince Ginjan fancied that he enjoyed his vast possessions, but gradually life grew a little monotonous even with a new pleasure for every day in the year. If he had only some one to share his enjoyments, some one to listen while he talked of his sea voyages, some one to look over his parks and through his castles, some one even to say, "Ginjan, won't you lend me a couple of dollars?"

The prince, however, had desired that he might have his possessions all to himself, and this stipulation was rigidly carried out by the elf.

"I won't lend you a couple of dollars," thought Prince Ginjan. "That forest is big enough for a hundred people to hunt in. How the pretty things in my stores would please Sister Melina! I wish my mother was here, so that I might give her a diamond necklace, and grandmother would be pleased with a set of nice warm furs."

Since he owned the whole world the prince had no use for his money. At times the sight of the huge piles of coined gold and silver affected him like a grim joke. To amuse himself now and then he pretended that he did not own everything and would go through a little imaginary owner. Anything to get rid of some of his money.

But these little weak make believes soon tired him, and he wished more than ever for a way to burden himself. But there was no one to accept a castle or a lake or 500,000.

"Ah," the prince would often sigh, "it is not such a fine thing to own a world and nothing else. My world separates me from the people I like. I wish I was back in my father's little kingdom. How THE PRINCE HAD NO BROTHERS AND NO SISTERS. I used to enjoy fishing in the brook behind the gardener's house. I was far happier then before I met that miserable little elf that tricked me by giving me all I asked for."

One day Prince Ginjan was more lonely and miserable than usual. He was fishing on one of the lakes, when all at once he thought came to him: "What is the fun in fishing when there is no one to eat the fish or to care how many I catch? I wish I could give a string of them to somebody." He turned the boat shoreward and stepped out just as the little elf came along.

"Oh, is it you?" he said indifferently, wishing it might have been some one else.

"How are you enjoying your world?" asked the hunchback, with an odd smile.

"I'm tired and sick of it," answered Prince Ginjan dully. "I haven't had a pleasant hour since I've been here."

"Dear me, that is strange! Do you want another ocean, or maybe an extra bill?"

"Not not I," interrupted the prince. "I'm poorer with what you have given me than I was before I saw you."

"Poorer!" ejaculated the elf.

"Yes, poorer! I'm poorer than the prince with a million of people. I'm a person poor when he can't give anything away."

The elf looked thoughtful. "Well, yes," he felt obliged to admit. "You really want to be kind," said the prince, brightening, "take me back to my old home in the little kingdom that my father rules."

"You couldn't take your possessions with you," explained the elf. "There isn't room for them there."

"I know that, and I don't want them," said the prince.

The elf now passed a magic wand three times over the prince's head. At the third movement the oceans, lakes and rivers dried up; the ships, the parks, the castles, the palaces and the heaps of money seemed to pass into the clouds, and Prince Ginjan found himself once more in the palace of his father.

Those who have studied old annals say that Prince Ginjan was now covered himself with glory by making a contribution to science in the shape of the division table, which up to this time had not been invented. This is, of course, only a myth and may have originated in the historic entertainment given on a certain twenty-fifth day of December, at which this prince distributed quantities of his treasures among the poor.

By this act Prince Ginjan won for himself the title of "The Generous," a distinction by which he was known throughout his long and happy reign.



"LOOK WHAT THE MAN DID TO ME!" translated to them. So it happened that in writing back I mentioned Daddy and related this anecdote of him.

How could I know that they would hand my private letter over to an editor and that the editor would proceed promptly to publish it? How could I know even that the papers, always on the lookout for a slant of fun, would copy the little story here, there and everywhere, and that in four or five weeks' time those same papers would appear upon the tables of every American reading room in Paris, and worse still, that numerous friends of the boy would hand him copies and laugh? For, alas, I had given his name!

This was my first intimation of it. I was sitting in my room mending my glove when there came a knock at the door.

"Entrez!" I called out in my newly acquired French. The door opened, and there stood Daddy.

I sprang up, threw the glove aside and ran to meet him, glad, as I always am, to see the boy from Milwaukee.

"Come in! Come in!" I cried. "I am dead lonesome. Bring your mandola and let's accompany by now."

But there was never an answering smile on the boy's countenance. He faced me with a look that struck cold to my heart. The smile died on mine. I started back as if I had had a blow and stared. Could this be my dear old Daddy?

"I should like to see you for one moment," he said in a manner as cold as his face and in the firm, severe tones of a full grown man.

"Why, certainly," I gasped, "for two hours like nothing in the little kitchen that isn't used or in the hall or out in the big hall, with the concierge looking on?" For there was no salon, and the precision of Daddy's manner called for a salon or something, if possible, even more impressive.

"This is no joke," said he, and there was not the twinkle of a laugh at the corners of his mouth or in his eyes. "Look here!"

Reaching in the pocket of his vest, he produced a slip of paper and passed it to me. I took it wonderingly and read a scrap from my letter with the account of Daddy and his cute little hair cutting joke. I read to the end, then looked up at him.

"What, what is it?" I inquired.

"What of it?" he blazed. "Nothing, only they have been poking the thing at me the whole day long; nothing, only I am the laughing stock of the establishment. I am the joke of Paris, the boy who didn't know enough French to get his hair cut. That's all! That's all!"

"Oh, Daddy! Oh, Daddy!" I sighed. And after a time, very humbly, "I didn't mean it that way," I explained. "It was a private letter. I never expected it to be published. How could I know that it would get into the hands of an editor?"



UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

Do you suppose I want cheap newspaper notoriety like that? I hate it! I hate it! I hate it!

I was stricken to the dust—mute. In a storm of anger he flung himself out of the room and slammed the door.

After that he sat dumb and unresponsive at one end of the long table, and I sat silently at the other. It was impossible to catch his eye. He refused by so much as a look to reveal his cognizance of my existence.

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TOMMY TO SANTA CLAUS.

You are a dear old friend to me; I often dream of you at night, And I am sure as I can be Your wishes always have been white, The little Thomas, and that You're very good and kind and fat.

I want to kiss your smiling face And ride on horseback on your knee And tell you at the chimney place How good you are each year to me By bringing me cars and railroad tracks And trumpets, blocks and jumping jacks.

And so I wish, when next you come, You'll bring from your pack of playthings, please, Beside my bed, a big red drum And bag it hard until I wake, Then give me from your great big hand The things you bring from Fairyland.

And then I'll know you, and you'll know How much I like the gifts you bring And how I'd like to see you go And how I'd like to see you go And how I'd like to see you go And how I'd like to see you go.

So it with you you'd make me jump Next Christmas eve—I'll soon be here— And let me kindly give a lump Of sugar to your good old dear, Please don't forget when in you come To play upon that big red drum.

R. K. McCreath.

ROBERT HIS CHIN ON HIS YOUNG BREAST.

or bring it on the floor, for Daddy was going that I often wondered how his mother happened to let him stray so far from home.

"What sort of Christmas have you had?" I ventured, talking high and light by, as if nothing at all had happened.

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HIS JULY XMAS.

And Odd Customs of the Day.

BY PETER MARSHUR.

"I had my last Christmas dinner in the middle of July," said the new returned traveler to his friends, when the subject of Christmas festivities and the consequent financial drain for presents happened to be brought up by the impetuous member of the group.

"July!" exclaimed the clergyman inquiringly. "Haven't you made a mistake? Christmas is not one of the movable feasts of the church."

"What I mean," explained the traveler, "is that if you had Christmas here under the same conditions you would have it in July. I had my last Christmas dinner in Australia."

In reply to various inquiries he explained: "As you, of course, know, they have summer in Australia when we have winter here, but what struck me as strange was that although Christmas is the most adaptable feast in the world the people of Australia celebrate it just as we do. Last Christmas in Coolgardie there was a sandstorm instead of a blizzard, and the thermometer stood 90 degrees in the shade, but the windows of the stores were dressed with cotton snow and tinsel ice and evergreens, just as if the festival were being held in England, where most of those who were participating had been born. On Christmas eve Santa Claus came with a jingle of sleigh bells and stamped around to shake off the artificial snow and was almost suffocated with mufflers and robes. The Christmas dinner was just as heavy as ever was served in midwinter, and the plum puddings, that had been sent out from England by thoughtful friends, were brought on burning."

This led to a discussion of Christmas as it is celebrated in different parts of the world, and the fact was brought out that though Christmas reveals often admit of variations the Anglo-Saxons not using the term in the all embracing sense described by Mr. Dooley, have a tendency to celebrate it in the same manner wherever they may be. Different arctic explorers have given accounts of how they celebrated Christmas within the arctic circle, and their whole energy was directed toward making the event as close a duplicate of similar celebrations at home as fresh seal meat and canned goods would allow.

"I have noticed," said the clergyman, "that wherever Christmas is introduced among heathen people by our missionaries when the festival is celebrated they always regard it as supplanting some of their barbaric feasts and give it some of the characteristics of what they have given up for it. I spent one Christmas at a mission station among the Indians of the northwest, and when they gathered around their Christmas tree they sang the hymns they had been taught and besides chanted weird, monotonous songs of a maddening rhythm that made me fear that the festival would degenerate into a ghost dance or something of the sort."

"That sort of thing was what I referred to," said the traveler, "when I spoke of Christmas as being an adaptable feast. It seems to change its character to suit the different nations that celebrate it, and as we have it now it has gathered features from many sources. Its liveliness, while being a religious institution, is attributed to the fact that it supplanted the old customs of pagan Rome and took something of the same character, as may be seen from the fact that in early times the festivities were always presided over by a lord of misrule. Then the tree laden with candles was added to it when it was introduced by the church among the Scandinavians, who used to burn candles before the tree (Yggdrasil, or tree of life, and in giving up their mythology for Christianity they still retained the symbol, which is now regarded as nothing more than a convenient thing to hang toys and presents on."

"But," exclaimed the impetuous one who kept his mind on the material side of things, "whatever the church or ancient mythologies did for Christmas, America did the most of all to make it a satisfying institution."

"I don't know," said the clergyman. "It was celebrated long before the discovery of America."

"Quite true," replied the loyal American. "But America had to be discovered before the turkey could be made the crowning glory of Christmas. Christopher Columbus discovered it the moment he landed, and, by the way, it is a remarkable fact that less than 30 years after the discovery of the new world the turkey is mentioned in old descriptions of Christmas festivities as being the chief part of the Christmas cheer."

"That reminds me," said the clergyman, "that America, with its rapid methods, has effected another change in the Christmas festivities. Originally they lasted from Christmas day until Twelfth Night, but we have such a habit of condensing things that the whole fortnight of revels has been boiled down to one night and one day."

"Oh, well," said the American cheerily, "I think I have learned all I want to about Christmas. I have learned that it originated as a religious rite, then became a festival, later a revel, and now is just a yearly blowout that makes a fellow like me hustle for the price of the necessary presents and remembrances."

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Under the above firm name, the meat market of C. W. Crouse will be conducted. All product in the meat line will be the best that money can buy, which fact combined with honest and thorough business methods is enough assurance to the public, who always want the worth of their money in every respect.

When sending children, direct them to us; we always give them the best they ask for.

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Telephone No. 74.

Blue Front Stable.

Leave your horses there and your rigs be kept on the inside, out of the rain and storm.

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CHARLES E. TODD, Prop.

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Take the genuine, original
ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEA
Made only by Rocky Mountain Tea Co., Nederland, Colo. It keeps you cool and healthy. Price, 25 cents. Never sold in bulk. Ask your druggist.

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Corner High and Limestone street, Springfield, Ohio.

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You will find our store fully up to expectations—and more. Many years spent in catering to the wants of Springfield's great buying public have taught us to anticipate their every wish and this year we have fairly eclipsed all previous effort. We are packed and jammed with the most magnificent line of

Diamonds, Brooches, Watches,
Chains, Clocks and Rings

And everything you could possibly expect to find in a full stocked, strictly up-to-date and progressive Jewelry House that it has been our pleasure to show.

To begin with there is the popular.

STERLING SILVER

And Sterling Silver Novelties of every description from a Teaspoon to a Trunk. An unusually attractive line of Ebony Ware is another special attraction. Then follow: Umbrellas, Opera Glasses, Gold Ware, Rings, Seal, Cut Glass, Toilet Sets, Combs and Brushes, Bake Dishes, Bronze Ware, Wedgewood Ware, Ladies' and Gent's Chains, Lockets and Sleeve Buttons.

A Guarantee of a Reputable House is worth its weight in Gold. Our Guarantee goes with every Purchase

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6 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio.

Values That Convince

Again we remind you that you should not forget us, as we do not forget you.

Large Doll 30 in. long, bisque head flowing hair, shoes and stockings	40c	Infants Flannel Sacques	10c up
Doll 23 in. fancy muslin dress ribbon front lace, light and dark hair	47c	Infants and Childrens Fine Head Wear	5c pair
Doll 23 in. hair stuffed, bisque head long curls, shoes and stockings	23c	Infants and Childrens Hose	5c pair
Doll 14 in. Kid Body	21c	Corduroy Velveteen and Brush edge skirt making 4c	
China Head doll, 16 in.	15c	Laces and Embroideries, prices ranging from 1c up	
Doll 16 in. light and dark hair fancy dress	18c	Turkey red Table damask	18c yd
Soldier Dolls 9 in. bisque head, cap, red and blue jackets, trimmed in white braid	22c	White Table damask	20c yd
Doll 10 in. bisque head, long hair	10c	Umbrellas all prices.	
Ladies' Fancy Petticoats assorted colors	62c	Ladies' Men's and Childrens Shoes, prices to suit the pocket book.	
Ladies' Dress Skirts	98c up	Men's and Boy's Clothing.	
Ladies' Plush Capes	\$3.38	Men's Felt Boots	\$2.44 pair
Ladies' Cloth Capes	\$1.10 up	Men's lined Corduroy Pants good value	\$1.62
Ladies' Jackets	80c up	Ladies' Trimmed Hats	55c up
Ladies' Collarettes	\$2.94 up	Men's and Boy's Caps, all kinds, all prices	
Ladies' Fur Collars	\$4.40	Men's lined and unlined working gloves	25c
Ladies' Striped Flannel Waists	\$1.86	Men's Dress Gloves	50c up
Ladies' Undervests, fleece lined	49c	Lamps—any kind from small Bedroom Lamp to large Parlor Lamps, complete prices	15c up
Ladies' Ribbed Drawers fleece lined	15c up	Cabinet Photo Frames	5c up
Ladies' and Childrens Gloves and Mittens all prices	21c up	Fairbank's Laundry Soap	2c bar
Childrens Jackets, large sailor collar	74c	Fold Linen Collars	5c
Infants Cloaks, fur trimmed	74c up	Self Pronouncing Teachers Bible	67c up
Infants Zephyr Sacques	27c up	Large Clothes Baskets	24c
		24 Envelopes	3c
		Leather Halters	39c
		Brussels Carpet	67c yd. up

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JOEL ORANSKY, Proprietor.

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Cheap Heat

THE FOSTER SLACK BURNER

Can be operated at less expense than any other stove : : :

C. M. CROUSE,

Cedarville, O.

WE

MUFFLE

The New

In Plain Black and Silk and Satin with silk lining to match separately. Silk and Handkerchiefs M

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Prizes Received.

The prizes for the "Aged Herd" at the State Fair in last September, were received by D. Bradfute & Son, successful in capturing the prize have heretofore for a number of years. The prize, a large and four cups of the same kind, is on exhibition at Bradfute & Son for "Aged Herd Sweepstakes, Beef Breed, C. Fair 1900." The tray representing the Aged Herd and the cups, were engraved accordingly, representing the Aged Herd. This firm has a larger number of prizes than has any similar firm in the United States.

Holi

WE have the largest ever shown in Cedarville. The so early in the season to us, but we've prepared all.

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Diamonds—Opals in various Rubies, in Sapphires, Pearls, single pearls, Tiger

Topaz or any Plain gold, Or any other Want for lac Child or bal

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ead Wear 10c up
5c pair
edge-knit binding 4c
ices ranging from 1c up
18c yd
20c yd

Shoes, prices to suit

good value \$2.44 pair
\$1.62
55c up

da, all prices 25c
ing gloves 50c up

il. Bedroom Lamp 15c up
complete prices 5c up
2c bar
5c

ible 67c up
24c
3c
39c

67c yd. up

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HOUSE,

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WE ARE BETTER

Prepared than ever before to furnish a present for your
Grandfather, Father, Uncle, Nephew, Husband,
Son, Brother, or the Other Fellow,

As we have a full line of goods that would be very acceptable, in the following:

MUFFLERS

The New Idea

In Plain Black and Fancy
Silk and Satin with quilted
silk lining to match. Boxed
separately. Silk and Satin
Handkerchief Mufflers.

Ranging in price from 50c
to \$1.50.

GLOVES

Dressed and Undressed
Kid, Fleece Lined Dressed
Kid, Unlined Kid, Fleece
Lined, Scotch and Jerseys.

HANDKER-

CHIEFS

Plain and Fancy Silk and
Linen. Plain Center with
Fancy Borders.

CHRISTMAS

NECKWEAR

If there's any men folks, or
boys, you're going to make
a gift of neckwear, remem-
ber what a dependable
place we have for superior

styles, in any color you
want—Plain, Figured and
Striped effects

stiff bosom; also white,
laundered or unlaundered.
Sizes 14 to 17.

SHIRTS.

Smart, Attractive and Fash-
ionable styles in soft and

A large assortment of
Hats, Suspenders, Collars,
Cuff, &c.

IRA C. DAVIS,

TAILOR, HATTER, and FURNISHER

Prizes Received.

The prizes for the best "Aged
Herd" at the State Fair in Columbus
last September, were received this
week. D. Bradfute & Son were suc-
cessful in capturing the prize, as they
have heretofore for a number of
years. The prize, a large silver tray
and four cups of the same metal, gold
lined, is on exhibition at Bird's store.
The set is handsomely engraved with
the following: "Awarded to D. Brad-
fute and Son for 'Aged Herd' Grand
Sweepstakes, Beef Breed, Ohio State
Fair 1900." The tray represents the
Aged Herd and the cups, which were
engraved accordingly, represent the
Young Herd.

This firm has a larger number of
prizes than has any similar firm in the
United States.

The crowd from here which attend-
ed the stock show at Chicago last week
report a good time and from the re-
ports given out there must have been
considerable amusement over the hap-
penings of one or two. The first even-
ing after one of the party reached
the Windy City, preparations were
made for retirement at the usual hour,
but after opening his grip, and on
making a careful investigation for his
night shirt, found that he had brought
a sheet instead. The joke was all on
himself as he had packed his own grip
and could not blame his wife for it.
Another was that one of the breed-
ers sold a calf for \$375, and accepted
in return a check for \$3.75 and never
discovered the mistake until he pre-
sented it at the local bank. However
the wrong was soon righted and the
party is now rejoicing that he came
off so lucky. The "lake water" must
have a bad effect on the eyes.

—Fine Xmas Cigars Ridgway
& Co.

Rev. Presley Thompson, of Col-
orado Springs, Col., has accepted a
call at Washington, Pa. Mrs. Thomp-
son and children will stop here on a
visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. W. Pollock, on her way to their
eastern home.

J. W. Pollock as administrator of
the estate of Nancy A. Townsley, has
filed with the Probate court the re-
port of the appraisers, James Holmes,
David Bradfute and James Townsley.
The total property possessed amounts
to \$1422.68 of which amount \$1000
is real estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Chas. Ervin,
Mr. and Mrs. James Ervin, of Xenia,
and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Moore, of
Jamestown, were among the guests at
the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H.
Barber, Tuesday evening.

College closes next Wednesday for
the full term.

A PETITION

Presented to the Town Council Monday
Evening, Asking Them to Abol-
ish the Saloon.

Monday being the regular meeting
night for the village council the usual
routine of business was transacted.
All the members were present except
James Andrew. During the course
of business proceedings a petition
signed by something like 370 persons
was presented, asking the council to
repeal the saloon ordinance. Speeches
by Rev. Ross, Rev. Sanderson and
Miss Mary Murdock were made to
this body, showing reasons on a moral
line why the saloon element should be
eliminated.

Upon a motion by Mr. Iliff it was
left to a committee of two to take
charge of the petition and investigate
the matter. Iliff and Lott comprise
the committee.

The township trustees were present
and asked the advice of the council in
regard to letting the building by steam
AS this council were to adjourn un-
til 7 p. m., Thursday, when the ques-
tion will be debated in joint session.
The usual reports of committees were
read and approved. Bills were al-
lowed for the monthly expenses of
village officers and other expenses.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The council and township trustees
met in joint-session Thursday evening,
with Mr. Amos Tonkinson as chair-
man. The question of heating the
entire building was discussed at length
but no definite steps were taken. A
recess was taken until a furnace man
arrives from Cincinnati to consult
with them.

After the joint session the council
met and heard the report of the com-
mittee that was appointed to investi-
gate the petition which was presented
Monday evening. It was laid on the
table and the committee discharged.

Colors Flying High.

The Poll Angus and Red Polled
herds of cattle which were exhibited
at the Fat Stock Show in Chicago,
arrived here Tuesday evening. As
usual Greene County came out vic-
torious, and had her colors flying high.
This show was the greatest, stock-
men have ever known and it is with
pride that we can point to herds that
have been in competition with herds
at the greatest show on record. Not
only have our herds been recognized,
but the owners are looked to as men
of high standing and sound judgement
in this line.

Two of Greene County's breeders
acted as judges, Mr. Oscar Bradfute
for the Short Horn class and Mr.
John Williamson for the Oxford
sheep. Not only did these two gen-
tlemen have this honor, but several
other of our breeders were united to
act as judges for the different classes.
There was a banquet given one
evening during the show, of which
Mr. Oscar Bradfute acted as toast-
master.

The following is the list of premiums
won by the Meadow Brook herd:
3rd prize, two-year-old bull; 2nd on
bull calf; 3rd on two-year-old heifer;
3rd yearling heifer; 4th on yearling
heifer; 2nd and 3rd on heifer under
6 months; 1st on aged cow 3 years;
3rd on aged herd; 2nd on young herd;
3rd on get of sire; 4th on produce of
one cow. Meadow Brook now claims
the champion cow of the world, under
the title "Senior Champion Female."
At the sale show, 2nd on cow and 2nd
on yearling heifer, were won. Messrs
Bradfute & Son sold at auction, 1
yearling bull for \$800; 1 cow \$500;
1 yearling heifer \$550; 1 yearling

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Men's Boys'

HYPES, the HATTER

Useful Gifts for Men

Hats Caps Gloves Shirts Neckwear

THE LATEST AND BEST

At Lowest Price. Springfield, O.

heifer \$1000, the four averaging about
\$591 a head, the highest average at
the sale. This firm also purchased a
two-year-old bull having taken 1st
prize and received one championship
vote, for \$1100.

The Red Polled herd of Messrs.
Andrew Bros., is now recognized as
the leading herd of the breed in this
country. Mr. T. B. Andrew accom-
panied the herd and made several
sales, all of which brought good round
figures. Premiums amounted to \$630.
The following is the list: Aged bull
2nd; two-year-old bull 1st; yearling
3rd; calf 3rd; two-year-old heifer 1st;
yearling heifer 2nd; yearling calf 2nd;
champion bull and cow; aged herd 1st;

young herd 3rd; 4 animals get of one
sire 1st; 2 animals, produce of one
cow 1st

Death of Mrs. Marshall.

Word was received here this week
of the death of Mrs. Nerve Marshall,
at Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Mar-
shall was stricken with apoplexy one
day last week as she was walking out
the door. Preparations had been
made for her to go down into the city
to attend church, and she was ready
to go when the stroke occurred. Mrs.
Marshall resided here for a number of
years, and has many friends who will
regret to hear the sad news. A hus-
band, Mr. Geo. Marshall, and a

brother still survive. The latter lives
in Indianapolis, Ind.

The following invitations were issued
from our press last week and sent out
Saturday. "Mr. and Mrs. James
Holmes request your presence at the
marriage of their daughter Mary
Edna to Mr. Charles D. Howell,
Thursday, December 20, 1900, at one
o'clock, Cedarville, Ohio. At home
Havre, Montana, after January 1st,
1901.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the
home of Mrs. David Shroede Thurs-
day, Dec. 20, at 2:30 P. M. sun time.
Subject for discussion, the Canteen.

—Subscribe for the Herald.

Holiday - Buying

CAN BE MADE A PLEASURE, IF
YOU COME TO OUR STORE.

WE have the largest stock of Holiday Goods
ever shown in our line in the good town
of Cedarville. The interest manifested in buying
so early in the season has been a great surprise
to us, but we've prepared to satisfy the wants of
all.

Come Early,
Make Selections
Have Them Stored
Till You Want Them.
Many Have Done So
Already. It's Better
Not To Wait Till
The Last Days.

Some of Them

Diamonds—Solitaire and in Clusters.
Rubies in variety of settings.
Rubies, in the mountings you like.
Sapphires, as you want them
Pearls, singly and in combinations; Em-
eralds, Tigereyes, Garnets
Topaz or any other stones.
Plain gold, engraved band
Or any other Ring you
Want for lady, gentleman,
Child or baby.

Watches Are popular for presents
And we have them from
\$1.00 to 100.00.
Elgins \$6.00
And up.
The Popular
HAMPDEN WATCHES.

Watches Large ones
Small ones
Smaller ones
Still smaller ones
Tiny bits of ones
For boys,
Girls, too.

The sale of watches is an important feature of
our business. We never misrepresent the qual-
ities and guarantee satisfaction to purchasers.

Of Chains

We have a large stock of high, medium and low
priced, from 20 cents up to as high a price as you
want to pay.

Gift Buttons

A great variety from 5 cents a pair up to the
solid gold with diamonds.

Brooches

All the latest and most popular styles, set with
pearls, brilliants and colored enamels. Some-
thing for every taste.

We've No Time Now

To enumerate the many things we show a line of

Novelties...

We have something for every person and every purse. We have low priced presents, medium priced
presents and costly presents, so you can save the gifts you want at the price you wish to pay. Every-
thing Fresh—New—Novel—Well Assorted.

Save Time, Trouble and Money

By buying your Holiday Presents from us. We'll make Christmas buying a pleasure and perfectly
satisfactory.

Samuel McCollum, Jeweler,
CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

ARE YOU AWARE

Of the fact that the most appreciable Christmas Gift is some article of wearing
apparel? What husband, son or male relative would not consider a Suit, Overscoat,
Pair of Trousers or a nice House Coat the most sensible present that could be
offered them. Our stocks in these departments have all been replenished and we
can suit all tastes and purses. We have



Neckwear, Mufflers,
Suspenders, Shirts, Hosiery,
Collars and Cuffs, Underwear,
Gloves, Handkerchiefs,
Hats, Umbrellas,
Fancy Vests.



And everything that men wear in an extensive variety. This Christmas, if never be-
fore, you should consider usefulness and durability in selecting your gifts. Come in
and see what we have to offer you.

M. M. KAUFMAN,

The Leading Clothier,

SPRINGFIELD,

OHIO

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OF**

Christmas Suggestions

Every One a Sensible, Serviceable
and Desirable Gift



SIDE BOARDS

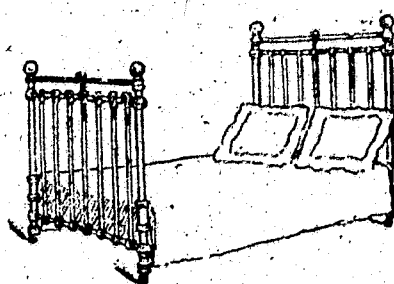
We have a fine Board, double top 22x45, French Bevel Pattern Plate Glass, size 18x30. Top

Drawers Swellous Drawer Lined. Polished Golden Oak Fin. sh. Holiday Price **\$13.25**



BEDROOM SUITS

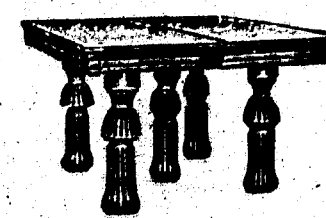
All Styles and Grades. Prices to suit all.



IRON BEDS

Let your Christmas present be practical and useful. In what can good careful judgement be better displayed than in the gift of a Brass or Iron Bed? Holiday Price

\$3.50 up



TABLES

This beautiful Golden Oak Extension Dining Table handsomely finished, 44 in. top, 10 feet long, 6 in. legs.

(Cheaper Ones in Stock) Holiday Price **\$12.50**

Exchange Clippings

A certain preacher, when preaching on cleanliness, mentioned that he had seen a brass monkey in his town set up in a store with a cigarette in its mouth. It was automatically arranged so that when the cigar was lighted the monkey would draw in the smoke and puff it out again. The works stopped on one occasion and the monkey was taken apart to discover the cause, when the works were found to be clogged and in a filthy condition. The moral was drawn by the preacher thus: "If smoke from a cigarette will stop the works of a brass monkey, what will it do for you."—Exchange.

The contracts given Polar Creamery men, who operated among the farmers in this section several weeks ago, are showing up at several banks as promissory notes with due regularity. The towns the agents operated in, include Jamestown, Cedarville, Jeffersonville and other towns in this section of the state.—Greene County Press.

Prof. John R. Whitacre and wife visited friends at Cedarville last week.—Bellbrook Moon.

We have a gay grass-widower at this place, who has been desirous of taking his second voyage on the matrimonial sea for some time. Recently he posted the object of his affection on the front lid of his watch, and last Sabbath he acknowledged to a friend that his watch had stopped. Oftentimes in speaking of people, we have heard the expression used, that they would stop a clock, but we didn't know whether it actually ever occurred or not. But in this case we can vouch for its veracity.—Bellbrook Moon.

We have those kind here—those who would stop a clock—but none of our men are fool enough to run the risk as did the above mentioned grass-widower.

There is a big meeting going on at Eleazer. It has been going on for two weeks. There are lots of people that go every night. The girls gets bored, that is some of them, and some of them don't. I don't for one. I don't want any boy, but some of the girls go a purpose to get them.—Zoar Cor. Bellbrook Moon.

A certain farmer was solicited to buy a windmill, when he said: "No the Lord has blessed me with fertile soil, furnishes the sunshine and rain for abundant crops and has prospered me so greatly that I'll be turned if I'll ask him to pump water for stock." The agent should have sold him a gasoline engine.—Exchange.

Good Advice.
The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Constipation, Palpitation of the Heart, Heart burn, Water-brash, Gnawing and Burning Pains at the Pit of the Stomach, Yellow Skin, Coated Tongue and Disagreeable Taste in the Mouth, Coming up of Food after Eating, Low Spirits, etc. Go to your Druggist and get a bottle of August Flowe for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

—New Crop, California Apricots, Peaches, Prunes, Grapes and Raisins at Gray's.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Nothing makes such a satisfactory Holiday gift as a fine piece of Furniture, a serviceable and everlasting remembrance. It is a useful and ornamental present that gives pleasure to anyone. While we are showing by far the largest assortment of holiday furniture it has been our good fortune to present, and naming prices that for this grade of merchandise are the lowest ever quoted, and we guarantee that quality has not been sacrificed, and every piece of furniture leaving our store is the McMillan kind. The highest quality throughout.

Thursday, Sept. 5, 1901 is the date set that Springfield citizens will celebrate their centennial anniversary and it is expected to mark an era in the city's history. The plat of the present city of Springfield was filed for record Sept. 5, 1801. A number of committees have been appointed and are at work.

—The most effective little liver pills made are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They never gripe. Ridgway & Co., Druggists.

The Dayton, Springfield & Urbana Electric Railway Co. have put on a market car to accommodate the dairy and the market gardeners. The car will make two trips a day each way.

—If the average man would look himself squarely in the eye, he would see at once that he needs Rocky Mountain Tea. A priceless boon to men. 35c.

Chas. A. Davis, of Jamestown, had his arm broken while assisting Prof. Boone, the mind reader, in finding a hidden key. A committee of six were in a buggy with Boone blindfolded, the hypnotist driving. He got off the scent for a moment and turned down the wrong street, peeping into the minds of the committee he saw his mistake, and in turning the horses about he flopped the whole committee and himself out onto the road, with the above result to Davis. The others escaped with less injury.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers are dainty little pills, but they never fail to cleanse the liver, remove obstructions and invigorate the system. Ridgway & Co., Druggists.

The Warder Bushnell Glessinger Co., Springfield, have started up their plant with 600 men. At one time last season 1800 men were on the payroll, which ran over \$36,000 bi-weekly.

—If you want anything good, go to Gray's.

The aggregate wholesale traffic in geese at Berlin amounts annually to nearly \$2,000,000.

The census shows that there are 1,400,000 more farmers in the United States than there were in 1890.

The most novel provisions made in a will is that of a St. Louis woman that her remains be incinerated and the ashes mingled with those of her husband in the urn where his already repose.

Mrs. Angie Satterfield of Xenia visited relatives here, Sunday.

—When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest, but we can't live without food. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "digests what you eat" so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health. It is the only preparation that digests all kinds of food. Ridgway & Co., Druggists.

Vast coal deposits have been discovered in Upper Alaska.

Of over six Mexicans, five are unable to read and write.

—Art thou one of the many that has drained the Golden Nectar that maketh thy heart full of strength and gladness? If not, take Rocky Mountain Tea.

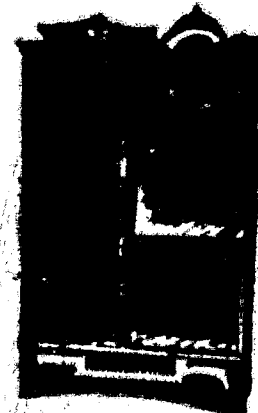
Mrs. George Irvine and Miss Jean were entertained by friends in South Charleston, Sunday.

Miss Della Gilbert was the guest of her brother, Charles, in South Charleston, last Sabbath.

Vegetarian. Baked Beans. With Tomato Sauce. No Meat. No Fat. At Gray's.

WANTED!

Reliable man for Manager of Branch Office we wish to open in this vicinity. If your record is O. K. here is an opportunity. Kindly give good reference when writing. A. T. MORRIS WHOLESALE HOUSE, Cincinnati, Ohio. Illustrated catalogue, 4 cts. stamps.



BOOK CASES

It would surprise you to see the immense stock of Book Cases we carry. Quartered Oak, Golden Finish, 5 feet 7 in. high, 37 inches wide. French Plate 12x12. Adjustable shelves. Holiday Price **\$9.75**

Picture Moulding

Over 100 patterns to select from in stock. Mats in all colors. Quick notice orders our specialty.

Music Racks

A gift of the above to the musician of the family would not only bring joy to the receiver, but also would add beauty to the home.



LAP BOARDS

Ladies Friend. Holiday Price **35c**



STANDS

This article will not be on sale until holiday week. Holiday Price

49c

Easels, Screens

A complete line of the above can be found on hand. You should call and inspect the stock.

Mirrors

Mirrors of finest quality. Our display is a handsome one. Hall mirrors and Hall Racks of the best patterns.

COUCHES

Our line comprises the most comfortable and serviceable articles. All colors, some with carved wood frames, others all over leather. Holiday price

\$5.75 to 30.00

CARPETS



All grades and styles cut and matched without waste. See our line

J. H. McMILLAN,

Furniture Dealer.

CEDARVILLE, OHIO.

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CLOSE OF THE 23D YEAR.

With this number the Herald completes its twenty third year; it is also its last special edition of the nineteenth century. The features for this issue are above the average and the matter for our frontispiece has been selected with great care. The stories have been specially prepared, and are well worth anyone's time in reading. Special attention is called to the half-tone, "Under the Mistletoe."

The close of the nineteenth century brings both the largest and by far the best newspaper ever published in this town and possibly the county. Plans had been carefully arranged for an eight page paper this week, as will be seen on page one, but advertisers knowing the value of this medium and desirous of informing the people in this vicinity of their goods and wares of which they have to dispose, have forced us to get out the two extra pages, making a total of ten pages.

We are very thankful to the citizens in this community for their courteous treatment and liberal patronage during the past twelve months, and pending some extensive improvements, we will be able during the coming year to undertake the most difficult work in the printing line, irrespective of size, quality or quantity—metropolitan work in a country village.

This number finishing the twenty-third year of the Herald's career, we enter the twenty-fourth with our next, wishing advertisers and its many readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Congress has made an excellent start toward making this a strictly business session.

Senator Hanna says the republican motto at this session of Congress is "Do business."

A strange case is that of the Chicago policeman who resigned because his duties interfered with his attending church.

Hon. Benjamin Harrison is in Washington, as a lay member of the National Committee of Presbyterians now in session there to consider the creed question.

Senor Degetau, Porto Rico's first Delegate to Congress, said of his constituents: "My people want to become root and branch Americans. We cannot do it too quickly."

An unprejudicial journalist in Washington declares that President McKinley has more power in influencing Congressional legislation than any President since Lincoln has had.

Nothing could more strongly call attention to the rapid increase in the use of the English language than the imperial decree of the Emperor of Germany take the place of French as an obligatory study in the higher schools of the empire.

The treaty with Nicaragua, granting the United States all the rights and privileges necessary to construct and operate the Nicaragua Canal, now before the Senate, shows that the administration means business. Now let Congress go ahead, and the canal will soon be an established fact.

Reduced Fares.

Excursion tickets will be sold Dec. 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th and 31st, 1900, and Jan. 1st 1901, via Pennsylvania Lines account Christmas and New Year Holidays. The rate for adults will not be less than 30 cents, nor less than 15 cents for children. Tickets will be good returning until Jan. 1, 1901, inclusive. For detail about fares, time of trains, etc., call on or address E. S. Keyes, Ticket Agent, Cedarville, Ohio.

Rather Close.

What might have been a terrible accident on the Rapid Transit line between Xenia and Dayton was narrowly averted, Monday evening, when a car came near being struck by a C. H. and D. passenger train at the crossing east of Dayton. When the car approached the railroad crossing it was not stopped as is required, and just as it crossed the track the passenger train thundered along. Only a moment or two was all that prevented a terrible accident. Some eight or ten passengers were on car at the time. The motorman made the statement that the brakes refused to work.

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Word was received here Tuesday of the death of John Huffman, of North Lewisburg. Mr. Huffman was a resident of this place for a number of years and was known in this locality. He died of heart trouble. Mr. H. M. Barber, of this place attended the funeral, Wednesday.

Stop The Cough And Works Of The Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

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Mr. Elsworth Lowry has wired the residence of Mr. W. M. Barber for electric lights. Mr. Lowry is continually adding lights since he starts up in the morning.

Patterns for Baby's Wardrobe.

We will mail 32 patterns for long baby clothes, showing necessary materials and full directions for making, for 25 cents silver or 26 cents stamps. 12 patterns for short clothes 20 cents. These patterns are the latest styles and will delight any mother. With each package we send valuable information. Address, Downey & Henry, Liliputian Specialties, 167 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

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Each suit guaranteed perfect in every detail of workmanship and finish. The regular values of these suits are \$16, 18.00, 20.00 and 22.00 sale price



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COGITATIONS

History of Rome...The First Good Roads Convention.

History leaves us in the dark regarding the success or failure of Uncle Tom's Cabin to check the floods. At any rate, Rome continued to flourish and conquer neighboring towns right along.

When Romans ran short of bread-stuff or winter shoes, they would raise an army and march out to sack a town in the neighborhood. If they ran short of winter fuel, they would not think of going to the timber and chopping a supply, but they would march against some town and take the furniture and center tables and marble topped dressers and use them for fire wood. They argued that their neighbors were barbarians and never having had the benefit of the blessed gospel, it was a kindness to them to be thus despoiled.

In this way a great many foreign towns were converted and were able to have aldermen and abounding bank cashiers and corrupt government officials of their own. This is a great boon to any community.

Also, at this time the question of Good Roads began to be agitated. Good Roads conventions were being held. Cecil Rhodes began to flourish at this time, yet he is no relation to Good Roads and not even to Dusty Rhodes. The roads around Rome were a fright. In the springtime the farmers could hardly get to town at all and bananas and olive oil and garlic reached an enormous figure. Hay also went as high as twenty dollars a ton. At this time originated the phrase: "Find a way or make one."

At this period the Appian Way was built and it may be seen yet. "All roads lead to Rome." That is a quotation from a college student who became a great foot ball player years afterwards.

Street paving began to be greatly agitated in the city of Rome and caused several fist fights among the members of the council. A good many heavy tax payers objected seriously but it cut no ice and the Plebeians who were the "common people" on whom the stump speakers played in those days, all voted for paving.

About this time, Rome saw the need of a navy and they equipped a lot of boats that were rigged with two and three rows of oars and were called triremes if they had three banks of oars. They would have been first rate hay barns or feed troughs if they had been left on land, but as war ships they didn't amount to much besides letting a lot of Roman sailors to be taken prisoners. Regulus was commander of the fleet and because he refused to allow Rome to be humiliated by Carthage, he was put to a most horrible death. This latter is the invention of Mr. Horace, who wrote about it in his odes, but on account of Regulus' family we will not drag forth any skeletons from the family closet.

—Fine stationery in every style at C. M. Ridgway's.

Shopping List

For Christmas Buyers.

Ebony Novelties, each.....19c
Gilt Picture Frames, each.....10c
Vase-like Vases.....25c
Cast Brass Picture Frames.....50c
Child's Fur Sets.....\$1.50
Books for everybody.....15c and 25c
Fine Writing Paper, boxed.....10c up
Ladies' Kid Gloves.....\$1 and \$1.50
Ladies' Kid Mitts.....50c to \$1
Child's Kid Mitts.....25c
Handkerchiefs for Men.....5c to 50c
Handkerchiefs for Ladies.....5c to 50c
Duchess Lace Handkerchiefs.....\$1.50 up
Linen Lunch Cloths.....\$1 and up
French Flannel for Waists.....25c
Taffeta Silk all new colors.....75c
Fur Callarettes.....\$1.98 and up
Fur Scarfs.....\$1.98 to \$10
Ladies' and Children's Cloaks.....\$2 to \$20
Baby Caps.....25c to 50c
Winter Underwear, all kinds.....\$1.50 to \$3
Ladies' Fine Shoes.....\$2.75 to \$8
Warm Wool Blankets.....\$5.00
Lace Curtains and Door Panels.....\$3 to \$8
Ladies' Walking Skirts.....\$3 to \$8
Wool Dress Goods, all kinds.....\$1 to \$2.50
Fine Silkline Comforts.....\$1 to \$2.50
Knit Bhawls.....\$1 and \$1.50
Wool Fascinators.....25c to \$1
Wool Skirts, fine quality.....\$1
Black Underskirts.....\$1 to \$3.50
Silk Umbrellas, Ladies' or Gents.....\$1.00 to \$5.00
Centimeter Kid Gloves.....\$1.50 to \$1.75
LaFayette Kid Gloves.....\$1.50
Winter Hosiery of all kinds.....

Jobe Bros. & Co.
XENIA, O.

The First Brick.
Cedarville has the distinction of having the man who laid the first brick on our new Temple of Justice, now being constructed at Xenia. Mr. Chas. Turner, a brick mason, holds this honor, and it is certainly one that he should feel well proud of.

—Teas, Coffee and Cigars at Gray's

—For something nice in the line of Xmas Presents for ladies or gentlemen, go to C. M. Ridgway's.

Mrs. Jane Tannhill, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Loit the past week.

—A choice line of all kinds of Groceries, at Gray's.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barber was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering Tuesday evening.

—Remember that C. M. Ridgway's White Pine Cough syrup is the best made.

Oscar Smith, book-keeper at the Exchange Bank, has been laid off duty this week with something like the "grippe". Prof. Jurkat is filling the vacancy.

—If you want Blanket at prices that you can afford to buy go to "Dorn, the Harness Man."

The O. P. News has the following to say: "Christmas is coming. The following have already arrived—still there's more to follow—Santa Claus, turkey, etc. etc. 32938 Ellis McMillan, 1 yr.; 32938 Elva Shingledecker, 1 yr.; 32939 Elza Shingledecker, 1 1/2 yrs.; 32940 Chas. Jefferys, 1 1/2 yrs.; A. G. Binghamon, life.

Dr. P. R. Madden, Practice limited to EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT. Glasses Accurately Adjusted. Allen Building, Xenia, O. Telephone—Office No. 72, Residence No. 57.

Mr. J. M. Milburn, postmaster of Xenia was taken quite sick a few days ago.

—Tasteless Cod Liver Oil at C. M. Ridgway's.

Harry Woolpert, who for sometime, was located at Urberville with his father in conducting a newspaper in that city, is now at Osborn, where he will assist his uncle, who edits the Osborn Local. Dr. D. C. Woolpert was a prospective buyer for a paper at Marysville, Ohio, but for some reason the trade was not made.

—Bright eyes are an infallible index to youth, nice windows from which Cupid shoots his arrows. Rocky Mountain Tea makes bright eyes.

Wm. Burgett, an old umbrella mender, along with his wife were taken up by the police at Xenia Monday. The couple had indulged in freely in whiskey. The Mayor fined them each \$18.50 and ten days in the work. They certainly should be thankful for having as comfortable a place as the works to spend the winter. The couple have traveled the county over, and went from here to Xenia.

That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

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Bird's Mammoth Store

Presents greater attractions than ever for the coming Holidays. You will find an endless variety of goods suitable for Christmas. Presents to please both the old and the young.

In FINE SUITS, OVERCOATS, MUFFLERS, GLOVES, and HANDKERCHIEFS, We Lead. In Fancy Goods---CHINAWARE DOLLS, BOOKS, TOYS and GAMES. In Fine CANDIES, FRUITS and NUTS. We simply show more than all others combined.

Fancy California Navel Oranges are the best and sweetest that grow. We have all sizes at 15, 20, 25, 40 and 50c per doz. Fancy Mixed Candies, [strictly pure sugar goods], at 10, 12½, 15 and 20c per lb.

Nuts, all kinds. Almonds, the best ones 20c lb. Brazil Nuts 15c lb. English Walnuts 18c lb. Filberts 18c lb. White Grapes, the choicest that grow 20c lb. Dates 12c lb. Figs 12c lb.

NOTICE:--Do not bring any Premium Tickets to us on Saturday, December 22, or Monday, December 24. We cannot and will not accept them on these two days.

Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. John Townsley entertained a number of their elderly friends and relatives at dinner Thursday.

School teachers see Cooper's line of candies and get his prices on candies, oranges, etc.

Miss Mary Hutson and Mr. Homer Allison, of Urbana, spent Sabbath at the home of Miss Ella Hutson.

For the nicest, the best and the purest candies go to Cooper's.

John W. McLean, as executor of Margaret Ford, sold the Ford property on Main Street to Alice McLean and Mary A. Houchins. Consideration \$1200.

Wanted, Land--Would like to buy good country land. Will pay \$8 per C. H. Gillough.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stevenson have issued invitations for Tuesday, December 25, 1900, at 5:30 p. m. The cards call for no presents.

One of those Boxes of fine Chocolates or Bon-Bons would make a nice present to a friend. See what Cooper has.

Now that the trustees are making preparations for heating the opera house, it might possibly be well to mention the fact that the storm doors would be a great advantage.

Tooth brushes and all Dentifrice, Ridgway & Co.

Monday last being tax day, County Treasurer Asa Little was here and collected the December tax.

Go to Cooper's and see the line of Books, Games, Toys, Dolls, Dishes, etc.

Mrs. James Holmes, on Xenia Avenue, has sold her house and lot to Robert Bird. Consideration \$1500.

Remember that Cooper has at all times a full line of everything in groceries.

Bird Owens has been laid up for a few days, suffering from quincy.

Lion Coffee 13c or 11c for 25c, 4 lb Star Crackers for 25c, Syrup Molasses the best per gallon 28c, Pure Buckwheat Flour in 10 lb bags per lb 4c at Bird's.

Invitations have been issued for an afternoon party to be given today at the home of Miss Bessie Hopping, in honor of Miss Mary Holmes.

The M. E. Sunday School will celebrate Christmas on Christmas eve, which includes Christmas tree, entertainment and treating the pupils. The choir will discourse delightful music.

Blankets 65c to \$8.00, cloaks \$1 to \$15.00, rugs 25c to \$10.00, collarettes and fur collars \$1.50 up, Lace Curtains 50c pr. to \$15.00, everything in abundance at lowest prices.

Alexander & Spahr Xenia, O.

Church Announcements

Preaching at the Reformed Presbyterian Church tomorrow by the pastor.

Public worship Sunday morning and evening in the M. E. church, conducted by the pastor. Theme:--10:45, a. m., "The Cloud of Witnesses"; 7:30 p. m., "Religious Freedom versus Blind Zeal." You are welcome.

R. P. church, W. J. Sanderson, pastor. 11:00 a. m., theme--"God Worthy of Glory." 7:30 p. m., theme--"Life Has No Equivalent."

A Cry From Nature

A WARNING THAT SHOULD BE HEEDED BY EVERY SUFFERER.

Nature soon rebels when the human machinery is out of order. Her appeals for help should be quickly answered. Life is too short and dear to us to neglect our health.

When the system becomes run down, the blood impure, the liver torpid, nerves all on a quiver, and the stomach refuses to do its work, then nature utters her warning note. It may be a sick headache, nervousness, dyspepsia, catarrh, loss of appetite, insomnia, languor, constipation, but it is nature's signal of distress.

The human machine should be attended to without delay.

The system needs building up, the impurities must be driven from the blood, the liver made to do its work and the stomach placed in a natural, healthy condition.

Knox Stomach Tablets are a new combination of vegetable remedies compounded by one of the best chemists in the world; and are guaranteed to build up the whole system. They do not act as a stimulant, but are a sarsaparilla in a tablet form, containing twice the medicinal properties of any other combination of remedies known. They give health and strength to the entire body and immediate relieve indigestion and positively cure dyspepsia.

A single box will prove their power to cure chronic invalids and make them strong, healthy men and women.

If unable to secure Knox Stomach Tablets of your druggists, send fifty cents to the Knox Chemical Co., Battle Creek, Mich., and a full sized package will be sent, postpaid.

Wants an Itemized Statement.

The Xenia Herald of this week gives an account of the actions of the county auditor with the examining committee appointed by Judge Scroggy. The committee filed their report condemning the practice of the auditor, and Judge Scroggy has ordered the auditor to prepare a new report. For some time the auditors have failed to itemize the report on the grounds of saving the county advertising fees.

The committee find that voucher numbers are missing, and that they do not state for what reason the money was paid. When Mr. McPherson was asked to explain certain omission, he informed the committee that it was none of their business.

It is proper that the taxpayers should know where every dollar goes, and the action of Judge Scroggy should meet with universal approval.

A choice line of all kinds of Groceries, at Gray's.

Perfumes, soaps and Toilet Articles, Ridgway & Co.

Helping the Enemy.

A coal heaver was getting in a load of coal in the suburbs of London. He was shoveling in the coals at a good rate when he was startled by a terrific yell from the house adjoining.

"What the dickens is the matter?" queried the coalman, starting up.

A disheveled looking individual made his appearance at the door.

"Matter, you thickhead!" shouted the man, frantically endeavoring to pull his hair out by the roots, "you are putting the coal down the wrong hole. My wife's people live there!"

London Tit-Bits.

Helping the Enemy.

"I'm getting along," said Mr. Cumrux. "I'm progressing slowly, but surely."

"What?"

"Culture. I've been traveling around with Mrs. C. and the girls until I'm getting right refined. But there's one thing I don't think I'll achieve. I don't believe I'll ever be able to go into an antique store and tell the difference between bric-a-brac and junk!"

Washington Star.

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Hariduppe--I always do my hardest work before breakfast.

Borrowwell--What's that?

Hariduppe--Getting it--Philadelphia Record.

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"I told that Boston girl I didn't like Emerson."

"Displeased?" She got nearly as mad as she did when I said that beans could be baked without salt pork!"

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On the morning of Christmas when Larry O'Six
sat in and felt out with the Wew and the Grix,
and as I wasn't there, I am free from all these
of knowledge concerning the facts of the case,
so I venture to say that nobody will doubt
my fitness to tell how it all came about.

The mysterious tree which had grown without root
had been plucked of the most of its marvelous fruit;
the gay-colored candles had burned themselves out,
and the days by the dozen lay scattered about,
when Larry called on a dumb overhead

What looked like a snowball hung up by a thread.
Now, Larry had often played ball within doors,
surrounded by walls and by ceilings and floors,
but he never had tried it in free open air.

What he thought he had if he threw it out there;
for, of course, it was stopped by a ceiling or wall.
It would simply go on, never stopping at all.

Just then was a different matter, you see:
"What odds if I should lose a snowball?" said he.
So he took it out there and with all of his might
he threw it out—went on a wonderful flight,
as you'll readily see when the fact is disclosed
that it wasn't a snowball as he had supposed.

That was made of molasses and popcorn, and as
it stuck to his hand when he put it a throw;
and he threw it so hard it did nothing to do
but open into space and take him along, too.

If you think he was frightened at finding his feet
you are not well acquainted with Larry O'Six:
he is fond of adventure, and this was the kind
he often had taken before—in his mind.

So he settled himself for a jolly good trip
and, a little too thoughtfully, "let it rip."
He was carried away over houses and trees;
he was whirled over mountains and valleys and seas.

While the whistle was over him he was humming by
himself a new song that came to the ship.
And they whirled him and whirled and whirled and whirled
till he was, like the sun, at the end of the world.

From the house to the place where the stars go to stay
when the sun is too bright for their eyes through the day,
and he sailed in among them, enjoying the sight,
until suddenly something impeded his flight.

He was startled a bit, so abrupt was the pause,
but it didn't take long to discover the cause:
he was caught upon one of the points of a star
by the tail of his coat, which had fluttered to fast.

He is daunted and during the unconsciousness knew
that he was on the point of the star was a Wew,
and although time impossible, Larry could hear
the song it was singing in the air:

Ring away, ring away
Over the earth;
Rolling and frolic
And fill it with mirth.

Laugh away, laugh away,
Revel in jokes.
Trouble is double
For whimsy folks.

Ring away, ring away,
Laugh away, laugh away,
Folly is folly,
If you're that so.

The effect of the song upon Larry was such
as to lighten his spirits and lift him as much
that he sailed away upward and came pretty nigh
to bumping his head against the sky.

Indeed, that is what would have happened him soon
if a Wimpoo, which sat on a horn of the moon,
had refrained from the following song which it sang
in a whispering voice with a tremulous tongue:

Oh, woe is me,
And woe each mortal's measure,
Since none may see
The bliss of contented musing,
The holiness of pleasure.

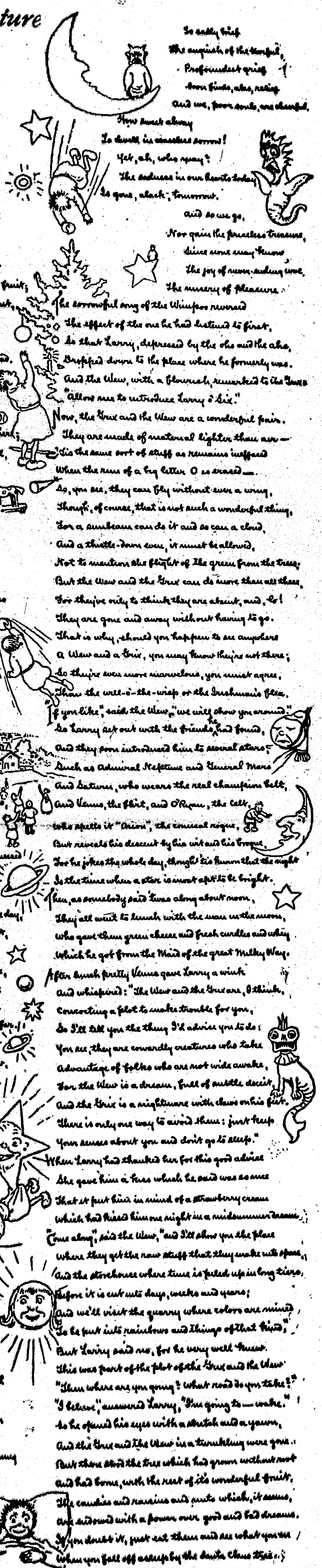
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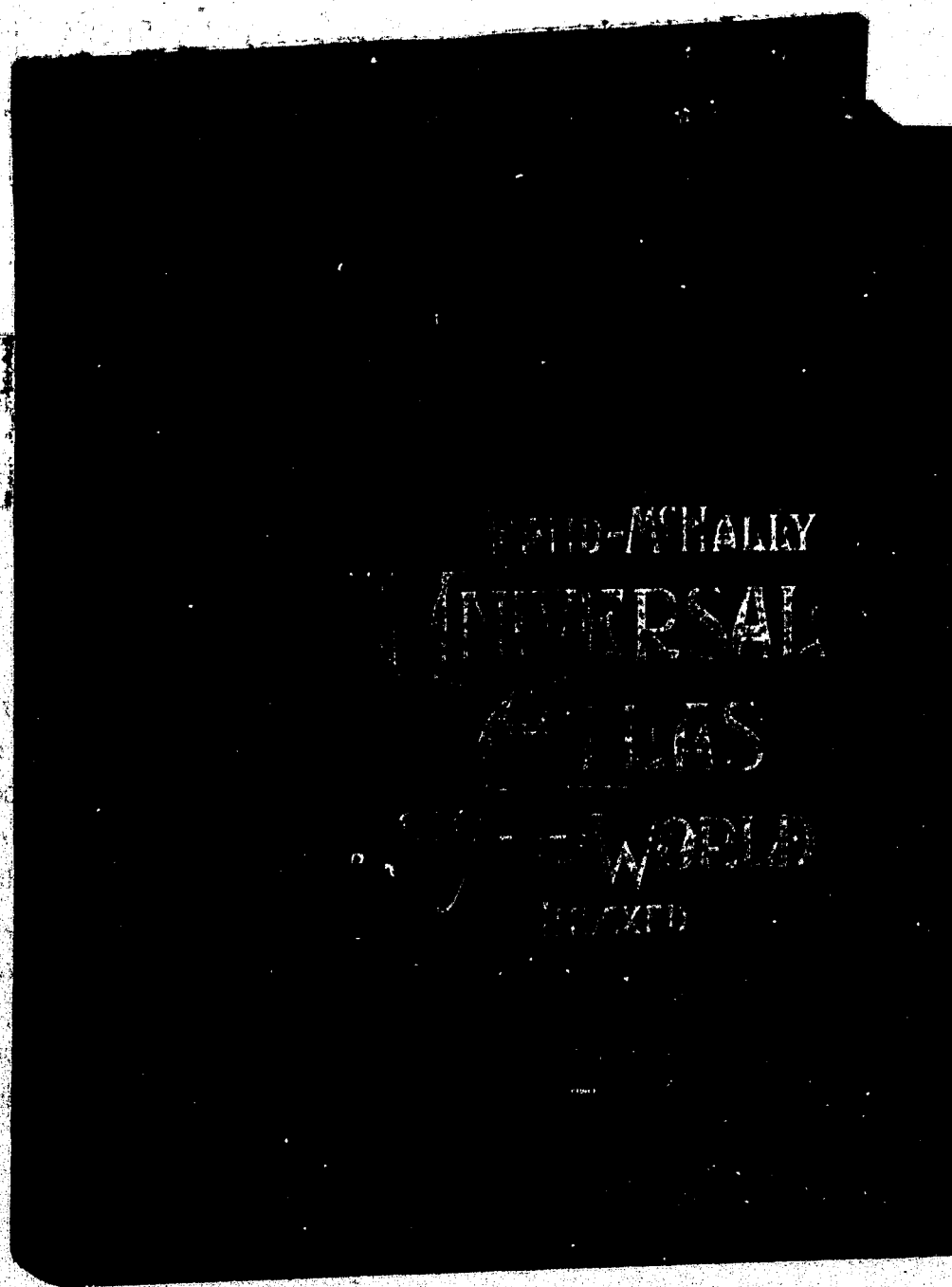
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